

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT HURON



**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 A Service of Word & Table**

**Two Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**Minister of Word and Sacrament: Rev. Kathy Tessin**

**Liturgists: 8:00 a.m. Joan Vandawaker; 10:00 a.m. Dorinne Crowell**

**Musicians: Gary Rhody and Price Smith**

**\*indicates when to stand, as you are able**

**Jesus Christ is risen today – Alleluia!** Whether it is your first time visiting with us or this is your spiritual home, we welcome you into this space of worship this morning. **Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so that we can get to know you.**

**PROCESSION TO THE OPEN TOMB**

*(During the Procession, please quietly take time to prepare your heart and mind for God's presence in worship.)*

**\*OPENING HYMN**                    “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”                    #123

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively read, worshipers in bold)                    Rev. Tessin  
My friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We stare at the sky, empty of stars.  
But today –  
**Today we know hope.**  
Today we know life.  
**Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**  
Today we know that death does not have the last word.  
**Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**  
It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep inside you, that today is a new day.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**                    Rev. Tessin

**CALL TO CONFESSION**                    Liturgist

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Responsively read words in bold)                    Liturgist  
The Gospel of Luke says “... But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.”  
**Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap, and we refuse to believe it.**

**Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.**

**Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

**In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter. Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. (Silence) Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsively read words in bold) Liturgist

God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between.

**Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** Tune # 111

**Good Christians all, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our King! To all the world, glad news we bring: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. Tessin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

First Reading Is 65: 17-20, 24-25 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, OT Pg. 696] Liturgist

Second Reading Lk 23:54-56; 24:1-12 (NRSV) [Pew Bible, NT Pg. 90] Rev. Tessin

**SERMON** "everything [in] between: grief & hope"

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed** (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*We believe the table of our Lord is a gift of grace open to all. All who feel the movement of the Holy Spirit are welcome to come forward and be fed this morning!*

### **THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we are full of Alleluias ...

... we raise our voices with the angels, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

On this night...

... we come to the table humbly and open to giving ourselves to you and your work in this world, saying these words of faith together:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ has risen;  
Christ will come again!**

... we join our voices to pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*The congregation will follow the directions of the ushers, coming to the middle aisle when directed and coming forward toward the Table to receive the gift of bread and the juice of the vine. Baskets for your empty cups are available at the side aisles. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Rev. Tessin

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Rev. Tessin

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Christ is Alive” (verses 1, 2, and 5)

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**\*SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tessin

## **\*POSTLUDE: THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR ABSENCE:** Pastor Kathy will be out of the office and unavailable from Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday Worship will be led by liturgist Steve Ahlquist and lay preacher Liz Lozen. If you have emergency pastoral care needs, please contact the office from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or contact Pastor Kathy by texting her cell phone at 706-464-3148.

**CHURCH FRIENDSHIP:** Please be sure to sign the Friendship Register, and provide your email so we can make you aware of other events happening in the church!

**THANK YOU** for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgists today are Joan Vandawaker and Dorinne Crowell. The greeter at 8:00 a.m. is Linda Hall and the greeters at 10:00 a.m. are Helen Whitford and Gail MacBeth. The tech team member(s) running the sound board and video for the 8:00 a.m. service is Paige Cronce and the 10:00 a.m. service are Ken MacBeth and Paige Cronce. The Pancake Breakfast is hosted by the Membership & Outreach Committee.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS:** Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let an usher know if you would like one for the service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be **no** Sunday School **TODAY**. Sunday School resumes for G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers next week.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR:** There are available dates in May and June. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

PRINTED SERMONS: Previous sermons are printed and available on the table near the church office desk in the Gathering Room.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the single, largest way Presbyterians can join together to share God's love with people in need around the world. See the insert for more information. The fish banks and the special offering envelopes will be collected **TODAY**.

FACEBOOK: We would love it if you would like and/or share our events and posts on Facebook!

### UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The class for Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is cancelled because of the office being closed Monday. Class will resume on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. We will be examining Luke Chapter 19-20.

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** to Stitch and Chat. Bring your latest project or come to chat!

DISCIPLESHIP ADULT STUDY: The class on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is cancelled. We will resume **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** on April 30<sup>th</sup>, as we begin a new six week study – look for more details in next week's bulletin and FlockNotes! All are welcome.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING CLASS: Protecting our most vulnerable members of the family of God is something we are all called to do by God through Christ's teaching. On **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall after Coffee Time, we will be reviewing policies and exploring guidelines for making all of our church space safe for children and vulnerable adults. This is required training for our CE/Sunday School Teachers, Property Committee, Ruling Elders, and all who want to develop a new set of eyes in creating and maintaining physical and emotional safe space at First Presbyterian of Port Huron.

CHILDREN'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION SUNDAY: On **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, join us after worship to help clean the streets of our neighborhood and church grounds with the young people of our congregation. **11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**, with a hot dog cookout after we wrap up!

BEACH SERVICE: The Beach Worship Services will begin on **Father's Day, Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** at Lighthouse Beach (2900 Conger St. Port Huron, MI).

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./4-21: Office Closed

Tues./4-22: Financial Counters

9:00 a.m.

Wed./4-23: Stitch and Chat

10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Our mission is KNOW the Love of God,  
GROW in the Christian faith,  
and GO share our faith in Jesus Christ.**